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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the Village of Merrimac, Sauk County, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

3630-WR-101

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND TELEPHONIC HEARING

Telephonic Hearing Date: Friday, February 11, 2000 – 9:00 a.m.

Hearing Locations: Pheasant Branch Creek Room – 2nd Floor, Public Service

Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

Merrimac Village Hall, 100 Cook Street, Merrimac, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application received November 30, 1999, of the Village of Merrimac, Sauk County, (applicant), as a water public utility, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03(1) and (3), 196.20(1), and 196.37(1), (2), and (3), for authority to increase water rates.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate this matter and hold a public hearing on Friday, February 11, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the Merrimac Village Hall, 100 Cook Street, Merrimac, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (608) 493-2122 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Pheasant Branch Creek Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the Assistant General Counsel listed below.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeffry J. Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the Assistant General Counsel listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Assistant General Counsel Steven Levine at (608) 267-2890.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,
By the Commission:
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Lynda L. Dorr Secretary to the Commission

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